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Turnpike Authority to hold informational meeting on proposed improvements at Garden State Parkway Interchanges 9, 10 and 11

WOODBRIDGE, August 4, 2011 – Representatives of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority will meet with the public on Aug. 18 to answer questions and provide updated information about the Authority's plans to remove the traffic lights on the Garden State Parkway in Middle Township.

The Public Information Center will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the Cape May County Freeholder Meeting Room, County Administration Building, 4 Moore Road, Cape May Court House. This will be the sixth public information session the Turnpike Authority has hosted on the project since June 2004.

The traffic lights at Interchanges 9, 10 and 11 are the only ones on the entire length of the Garden State Parkway. They cause congestion in the summer months and have an abnormally high crash rate throughout the year. The Turnpike Authority plans to remove the lights and eliminate the at-grade crossings by building bridges to carry the Parkway over the local roads. The project will provide interchange ramp connections between the Parkway and the local cross streets at all three interchanges so that access to and from the Parkway will be maintained. The project is currently in the final stages of environmental review.

The Turnpike Authority has recently published a revised Feasibility Assessment Report for the Interchanges 9, 10 and 11 project. The document, originally published in 2008, incorporates construction modifications suggested by the regulatory agencies to minimize environmental impacts. The report can be viewed by visiting the <u>Our Projects</u> page and scrolling down to the Garden State Parkway projects.